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**CATHY A. CATTERSON, CLERK
U.S. COURT OF APPEALS**

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

MUSTAFA RIVERS,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 05-10672

D.C. No. CR-05-00032-PMP

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Nevada
Philip M. Pro, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted July 24, 2006**

Before: ALARCÓN, HAWKINS and THOMAS, Circuit Judges.

Mustafa Rivers appeals from the district court's judgment and 57-month sentence imposed following his guilty-plea conviction for armed bank robbery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2113(a) & (d).

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** This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), counsel for Rivers has filed a brief stating that there are no grounds for relief, and a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. Rivers has not filed a pro se supplemental brief, and the government has not filed an answering brief.

We have conducted an independent review of the record pursuant to *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 83 (1988), and we dismiss in light of the valid appeal waiver. *See United States v. Nguyen*, 235 F.3d 1179, 1182 (9th Cir. 2000) (stating that an appeal waiver is valid when it is entered into knowingly and voluntarily).

Counsel's motion to withdraw is **GRANTED**, and this appeal is **DISMISSED**.